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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,069,963
AB United States Patent No. 5,796,848
AC United States Patent No. 5,204,917
AL German PS 199 08 194
AM German OS 198 52 758
AN German OS 37 23 809
AO German OS 35 02 178

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 196 35 229 and Reference AB corresponds to German PS 195 45 760. Those references, together with all of the other references cited above, were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. English translations of the German

language references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of those references has an English language abstract attached thereto.

Additionally, the German counterpart to Reference AB, together with References AL, AN and AO were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German Application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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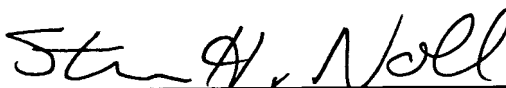
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